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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 20 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-20-13

The <u>Seaward Zones</u> of the <u>Dakavak Bay</u>, <u>Outer Kukak Bay</u>, <u>Hallo Bay</u>, and <u>Big River sections</u> of the Mainland District and the <u>Seaward Zones</u> of the <u>Northwest Afognak</u> and <u>Shuyak Island sections</u> of the Afognak District will <u>close</u> to commercial salmon fishing at 9:00 p.m. <u>Monday</u>, <u>July 15</u>.

As Previously Announced:

There will be a <u>48-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 17 to 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 19 in the Cape Igvak Section of the Mainland District.

There will be a commercial salmon fishing period in the following sections of the **Alitak District** at the following dates and times:

- The Olga Bay Section, from 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 17 to 9:00 a.m. Friday, July 19;
- The Moser Bay Section, from noon Wednesday, July 17 to 3:00 p.m. Friday, July 19;
- The Alitak Bay Section, from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 17 to 9:00 p.m. Friday, July 19; and,
- The Cape Alitak Section from 6:00 a.m. Thursday, July 18 to 9:00 a.m. Saturday, July 20.

The <u>Mainland District</u> (except the Wide Bay Section which is closed and the Cape Igvak Section which will open at 12:01 a.m. July 17) will <u>close</u> at **9:00 p.m. Monday July 15.**

The following sections will **close** at **9:00 p.m. Tuesday July 16:**

- The Humpy-Deadman Section of the Alitak District.
- The Outer Ayakulik, Halibut Bay, Inner Karluk and Outer Karluk sections of the Southwest Kodiak District:
- The **Northwest Kodiak District**, (including the Kizhuyak Bay Section which currently remains closed);
- The **Afognak District**, (including the Izhut, Outer Kitoi, and Inner Kitoi Bay sections which currently remain closed and the Duck Bay Section is open until further notice);
- The **Eastside Kodiak District** (except the Inner Ugak Bay Section which is open until further notice); and,
- The Northeast Kodiak District.

The following areas remain open until further notice:

- The Inner Ugak Bay Section of the Eastside Kodiak District;
- The **Duck Bay Section** of the **Afognak District**.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are reduced until 9:00 p.m. Tuesday July 16 at Karluk Lagoon's exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline (stream #255-101).

Closed waters are **reduced until further notice** in the following locations:

- In Saltery Cove, for subsistence fishing, at Saltery Creek (stream# 259-415), at the exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline.
- At **Saltery Creek** (stream # 259-415), **Hearst Creek** (stream # 259-414), and **Rough Creek** (stream # 259-416) in **Saltery Cove** to the stream terminus of each stream, for commercial salmon fishing.
- In Chiniak Bay, for subsistence fishing, at the Buskin River (stream# 259-211) at the exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline.

In that portion of the Northwest Kodiak and Southwest Kodiak districts south of the latitude of Cape Kuliuk, <u>until further notice</u>, Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained by purse seine gear in the commercial salmon fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

To ensure Chinook (king) salmon brood stock collection at Monashka Creek, that portion of the Monashka/Mill Bay Section of the Northeast Kodiak District bounded by the latitude of Spruce Cape and the latitude of Termination Point until <u>August 1, 2013</u> king salmon may not be retained in the subsistence fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

<u>Cost recovery fisheries</u> began in the **Telrod Cove Special Harvest Area (SHA)** on **June 23, 2013**; and the **Telrod Cove SHA** will remain <u>closed</u> to common property fishing. Fishery opportunities in Telrod Cove will be dependent on the ability to meet KRAA cost recovery needs.

Other closed waters are as shown on the Kodiak Area Salmon Statistical Chart and detailed in the Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations (5AAC 18.350).

Statistical Charts, Harvest Strategies, and Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations are available at the Kodiak Fish and Game office. Recent salmon fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's 24-hour record-a-phone at 486-4559.

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